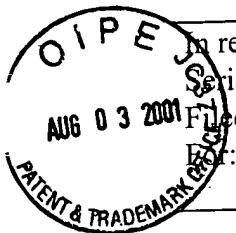


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In re Application of: Martin, Ralph M.  
Serial No.: 09/748,970 Group Art Unit: 3618  
Filed: 12/27/2000 Examiner:  
Attorney Docket: Backwards Release Ski RM393a  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**PETITION TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP NAMED IN APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.48(a)**

Dear Sir:

This is a petition to amend the inventorship of the named application under 37 CFR 1.48(a) to add inventor Terry E. O'Connell to the application. Without deceptive intent, inventor Terry E. O'Connell was erroneously not named as a joint inventor in the declaration. This petition is accompanied, as required in MPEP 201.03, by the following documents:

- 1) A statement by the missing inventor Terry E. O'Connell that the omission was made in error and without deceptive intent.
- 2) A new executed declaration by the two inventors constituting the inventive entity for the subject application.
- 3) A check in the amount of \$130.00, as provided for in 37 CFR 1.17(i) to cover the cost of filing this petition

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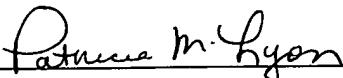
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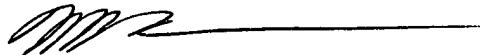
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In view of the above, applicant requests that his Petition be granted

Respectfully submitted,



Date: 7/31/01

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**INVENTOR'S STATEMENT OF LACK OF DECEPTIVE INTENT IN THE OMISSION  
OF AN INVENTOR IN THE SUBJECT APPLICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
37 CFR § 1.48(a)**

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.48(a) I, Terry E. O'Connell, state that the omission of my name as an inventor in the subject application was made in error and without deceptive intent.

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Terry E. O'Connell

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Patricia M. Lyon

STATE OF COLORADO      )  
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                            ) ss.  
COUNTY OF BOULDER    )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2001 by Terry E.  
O'Connell.

Patricia M. Lyon  
Notary Public  
My commission expires: 10/29/2004